

RESTORING UKRAINE TOGETHER: building inclusive platform for Ukraine's revival

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FAMOUS BRITISH ADVENTURER BEAR GRYLLS WILL PROMOTE THE "REBUILD UKRAINE" DIRECTION AS A UNITED24 AMBASSADOR

Bear Grylls has been supporting Ukraine from the first day of full-scale invasion. As the first British ambassador of UNITED24 he is coordinating the efforts of british companies and organisations to support Ukraine in different areas, including economy, education, culture and science. His company BecomingX together with Amazon and Accenture are developing educational programme BecomingX Ukraine for ukrainians.

In december 2022 Bear Grylls visited Ukraine together with filming crew. The result of this visit was the film "War Zone: Bear Grylls Meets President Zelenskyy", which was released on March 28 in Great Britain and the United States.

"After a year of resisting the Russian invasion, the support of people like Bear Grylls is very important. Together with other United24 ambassadors, he will help spread the truth about the war and unite the world around support for Ukraine," said Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

<https://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/znamenitij-britanskij-mandrivnik-bear-grillz-yak-ambasador-u-81909>

29 march 2023

«MAYORS FOR ECONOMIC GROW»: 13 MUNICIPALITIES OF UKRAINE ARE GETTING GRANTS FOR RESTORATION

Euro Commission and Programme of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced today the selection of 13 municipalities from Ukraine under the Call for Local Demonstration Initiatives as part of the EU Response and Renewal Grant Programme aimed at

revitalising and supporting the recovery of local economies and communities impacted by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Five cities were selected under Lot 1 – Response & Immediate Recovery, namely Chortkiv (Ternopil Oblast), Hlukhiv (Sumy Oblast), Kamianets-Podilskyi (Khmelnyskyi Oblast), Slavuta (Khmelnyskyi Oblast), Velyka Oleksandrivka (Kherson Oblast). The authorities of these municipalities will receive funding in the amount of 30 to 50 thousand euros (no co-financing is required).

As part of Lot 2 – Renewal & Anticipation, the following 11 cities were selected: Bucha (Kyiv Oblast), Chernivtsi, Kharkiv, Nizhyn (Chernihiv Oblast), Nova Kakhovka (Kherson Oblast), Slavutych (Kyiv Oblast), Velyki Luchky (Zakarpattia Oblast), Voznesensk (Mykolaiv Oblast) from Ukraine. The authorities of these municipalities will receive funding in the amount of 70 to 100 thousand euros (at least 20% co-financing is required).

<https://www.undp.org/moldova/press-releases/m4eg-increasing-its-support-members-ukraine-and-moldova>

29 march 2023

THE PLAN OF RESTORATION OF THE COMMUNITY WAS PRESENTED IN BUCHA

The presentation of the Restoration plan of the Territorial community of Bucha was held within the framework of the project «Bucha Build Back Better» with the support of the Foundation «Partnership for the strong Ukraine». The participants of the event are representatives of embassies, international organizations, and members of parliament, they reviewed projects of the restoration and discussed possible opportunities of raise funds for the restoration of the Bucha community.

https://tvoemisto.tv/news/u_buchi_prezentuvaly_plan_vidnovlennya_gromady_146052.html

02 april 2023

NETHERLANDS TO JOIN CRITICAL AREAS OF UKRAINE'S EARLY RECOVERY

In 2023, the Government of the Netherlands will support Ukraine in the restoration of critical infrastructure and provide comprehensive assistance in the security and humanitarian spheres. Yuliia Svyrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine, and Sigrid Kaag, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Netherlands, discussed the participation of the Netherlands in the reconstruction of Ukraine, ways to intensify bilateral cooperation and the economic situation in Ukraine.

The parties discussed the prospects for business in both countries to participate in reconstruction projects in Ukraine. This year, Ukraine needs USD 14 billion to cover the most important needs: rebuilding housing, social infrastructure, schools, hospitals, orphanages, restoring businesses and creating conditions for their operation.

<https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/niderlandy-doluchatsia-do-krytychno-vazhlyvykh-napriamiv-rannoho-vidnovlennia-ukrainy-iuliia-svyrydenko>

03 april 2023

UNESCO HAS DEVELOPED A TEN-YEAR PLAN TO RESTORE THE CULTURAL SPHERE IN UKRAINE, WHICH SUFFERED FROM RUSSIAN ARMED AGGRESSION

According to an assessment of UNESCO damages in the field of culture because of the full-scale invasion have already cost 2,4 billion euros of which €1.57 billion is due to the destruction of 248 damaged monuments, and the rest is due to damage to art collections, artists' studios, and the tourism industry. The loss of revenue is about €14 billion, with most of these losses (over €6.5 billion) occurring in Kyiv.

To restore the cultural sphere, UNESCO has developed a 10-year action plan, which was presented by UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay during her visit to Ukraine. She said that in 2023-2026, priority will be given to the inventory, restoration, and protection of one-third of cultural property. This will require more than 2 billion euros. Other funds are planned to be raised from funding sources unrelated to UNESCO's activities.

https://www.francetvinfo.fr/monde/europe/manifestations-en-ukraine/info-franceinfo-ukraine-les-destructions-dans-les-secteurs-de-la-culture-et-de-l-education-ont-deja-coute-2-4-milliards-d-euros-selon-l-unesco_5747753.html

05 april 2023

THE SECOND MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE INTERAGENCY DONOR COORDINATION PLATFORM OF UKRAINE TOOK PLACE

The government of Ukraine and the G7 Members of the Steering Committee and representatives from international financial institutions discussed, during the second meeting of the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform's Steering Committee for Ukraine, how to best coordinate economic support for Ukraine's immediate financing needs and future economic recovery and reconstruction efforts.

This is possible because of the approval of the 4-year Extended Fund Facility programme from the IMF to support Ukraine, with an overall budget of USD 15.6 billion.

3,3 billion USD from the needed 14,1 billion has already been allocated from the state budget for rapid recovery. To finance almost USD 10.8 billion, the Government of Ukraine aims to cooperate constructively and fruitfully with donors and the private sector.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_2102

05 april 2023

UKRAINE AND GERMANY EXPAND ENERGY PARTNERSHIP FOR GREEN RECOVERY AND REBUILDING OF UKRAINIAN ENERGY SECTOR

The Minister of Energy in Ukraine Herman Galushenko and The Vice-Chancellor of Germany and the Federal Minister of Economy and Climate Protection of Germany, Robert Habeck, signed a joint statement of intentions in Kyiv, which expands the directions of the German-Ukrainian energy partnership with an emphasis on the "green" recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine's energy industry.

The two sides agreed to expand their partnership in areas such as rebuilding energy infrastructure, promoting the sustainable resilience of the energy sector, and expanding the use of renewable energy sources, including wind, solar, biomass, hydropower, and green hydrogen.

The results of this partnership have already been implemented in Ukraine. For example, a heat pump and a hybrid solar station were installed in a healthcare facility in the village of Horenka (Bucha district, Kyiv region). Today, it saves up to 60% of electricity and eliminates the use of gas for heating. A hospital in Zvyagel (Zhytomyr region) and the Mriya Lyceum in Irpin (Kyiv region) have also been equipped with solar stations with batteries. Similar projects are planned to be implemented in medical institutions in Kyiv and Chernihiv regions.

<https://eu-ua.kmu.gov.ua/novyny/ukrayina-i-nimechchyna-rozshyryuyut-energetychno-partnerstvo-dlya-zelenogo-vidnovlennya-ta>

<https://hmarochos.kiev.ua/2023/04/05/nimechchyna-daye-miljon-yevro-na-zelene-vidnovlennya-ukrayiny/>

05 april 2023

RESTORATION OF KYIV REGION: MORE THAN 11 449 OBJECT WERE REBUILT

Restoration process continues in Kyiv region that were damaged because of the russian military aggression. As of the beginning of April there were fully or partially restored and functioning now 11 449 facilities. The Deputy of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration Mykola Boyko reported about this.

The restored facilities include 10,126 buildings, 6,283 of which have been fully restored, 3,843 of which have been partially restored and are now functioning.

In addition, work is underway to restore social infrastructure facilities: 180 general secondary and preschool education institutions, 95 healthcare facilities, and 65 ASCs have already been fully or partially restored.

"In the first three months of 2023, we have already restored 2,438 facilities. This year we are working on the comprehensive reconstruction of entire locations. Such a restoration strategy will allow us to rebuild not individual objects, but all the houses of the streets. For example, Vokzalna Street in Bucha," said Mykola Boyko.

<https://koda.gov.ua/vidbudova-poshkodzhenyh-obyektiv-na-kyivshhyni-tryvaye-vidnovleno-povnistyu-ta-chastkovo-11-449-obyektiv/>

06 april 2023

PRIME MINISTER HOLD THE SESSION OF RAPID RECOVERY OF VINNYTSIA, KIROVOHRAD, POLTAVA, CHERKASY REGIONS

Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal held a meeting with the heads of Vinnytsia, Kirovohrad, Poltava, and Cherkasy regional military administrations to discuss the implementation of projects for the rapid recovery of Ukraine in the regions.

The Prime Minister emphasized that business assistance is one of the main tasks for the central regions, where many businesses have been relocated and which have received a large number of internally displaced persons.

"Business is the engine of recovery, creating jobs and generating added value. We also pay special attention to IDPs. The key tasks are to provide basic services, employment and temporary integration," said Denys Shmyhal.

<https://www.kmu.gov.ua/news/premier-ministr-proviv-naradu-shchodo-shvydkoho-vidnovlennia-u-vinnytskii-kirovohradskii-poltavskii-cherkaskii-oblastiakh>

11 april 2023

POLAND PLANS TO BECOME A FINANCIAL HUB FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR UKRAINE'S RECOVERY

Poland has offered to become a financial center of assistance to Ukraine, similar to the way it has become a military hub. This idea was expressed by the deputy head of the Polish Ministry of Finance, Artur Sobon.

«The same way as Poland played the key role of a military hub when it comes to military assistance to Ukraine, we would like it to play the role as a financial hub through which the financing of Ukraine's reconstruction will be distributed," Artur Sobon emphasized.

<https://espresso.tv/polshcha-planue-stati-finansovim-khabom-zi-zboru-koshtiv-na-vidnovlennia-ukraini>

11 april 2023

ZAPORIZHZHIA OBLAST POWER ENGINEERS RECEIVED 54 TONS OF EQUIPMENT FOR RESTORATION WORK

Zaporizhzhyaoblenergo received another batch of equipment weighing about 15 tons. The shipment includes 35 low-power generators delivered from Sweden and a lighting tower provided by Canadian partners. In addition, Norway provided a BENC 815 aerial work platform based on a Mercedes vehicle.

<https://www.mev.gov.ua/novyna/enerhetyky-zaporizkoyi-oblasti-otrymaly-54-tonny-obladnannya-dlya-vidnovlyvalnykh-robot>

12 april 2023

WORLD BANK PROVIDES ADDITIONAL 200 MILLIONS USD FOR RESTORATION OF UKRAINIAN ENERGY SECTOR

Prime minister Denys Shmyhal and World Bank Managing Director for Operations Anna Bjerde sign an agreement on a \$200 million Multi-Donor Trust Fund grant for Ukraine's energy recovery.

"The funds raised from the World Bank will be used to rebuild the power grid and heating systems in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy and the cities of Chernihiv region," the Prime Minister of Ukraine emphasized and added that preparations for the next heating season should be made now.

As part of the reconstruction program, Ukraine and the World Bank are intensifying three more projects: Re-Power in the energy sector, RELINC in the transport infrastructure sector, and Heal Ukraine in the healthcare sector.

<https://www.kmu.gov.ua/news/denys-shmyhal-u-vashynhtoni-pidpysav-uhodu-pro-zaluchennia-dodatkovykh-200-mln-dolariv-na-vidnovlennia-ukrainskoi-enerhetyky>

12 april 2023

On April 26, the Italian government will hold a conference on Ukraine's recovery

Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said that on April 26, the Italian government will hold a conference on Ukraine's recovery with the participation of the best business representatives.

He noted that he is in constant contact with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi and emphasized that it is crucial to protect the Zaporizhzhia NPP. "On April 26, we will present a recovery plan for Ukraine," Tajani said.

<https://www.ukrinform.ua/rubric-vidbudova/3694679-italia-naprikinci-misaca-prezentue-plan-vidbudovi-ukraini.html>

13 april 2023

LITHUANIA INCREASES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE'S RECOVERY TO EUR 30 MILLION

Lithuanian Finance Minister Gintare Skyste said during a World Bank roundtable meeting in Washington that the €10 million allocated by Lithuania would be increased to €30 million through a new World Bank mechanism and used to restore Ukraine's critical infrastructure.

So far, Lithuania has provided humanitarian, financial and military assistance worth €900 million, which is 1.3% of GDP.

https://lb.ua/news/2023/04/13/551898_litva_vidilit_cherez_svitoviy_bank_10.html

14 april 2023

FINLAND DONATES 136 TONS OF EQUIPMENT TO UKRAINE TO RESTORE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

13 cargoes of humanitarian aid for the energy sector were delivered to Ukraine from Finland. The equipment provided includes power transformers, current transformers, mobile gas boilers, and generators with a total weight of almost 136 tons.

The equipment was distributed to energy companies in Vinnytsia, Mykolaiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson, Chernihiv regions and Ukrzaliznytsia.

<https://www.kmu.gov.ua/en/news/finliandiia-peredala-ukraini-136-tonn-obladnannia-dlia-vidnovlennia-enerhetychnoi-infrastruktury>

14 april 2023

THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE SIGNED THE MEMORANDUM WITH THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (DFC) AND THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

The Government of Ukraine has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to attract investment in Ukraine.

"Private capital is an integral part of Ukraine's recovery and sustainable growth. Therefore, foreign investment will be one of the drivers of our economy. Ukraine has wide investment opportunities that will help unlock its economic potential. DFC and USAID will help to attract private investment in sectors that are of primary importance to the economy," the Prime Minister of Ukraine emphasized.

<https://www.me.gov.ua/News/Detail?lang=uk-UA&id=63393b09-8dc1-4667-b7c1-c2814f8cf4b3&title=SpivpratsiaZDfcTaUsaid>

15 april 2023

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES \$400 MILLION FOR UKRAINE'S RECOVERY

The \$400 million grant agreement is part of the Emergency Recovery Program aimed at critical infrastructure.

In addition, the Japanese government will provide \$70 million in grant support for Ukraine's recovery through the United Nations Development Program. In total, since the beginning of the year, Ukraine and Japan have agreed to allocate more than \$600 million for Ukraine's recovery.

<https://interfax.com.ua/news/economic/904194.html>

20 april 2023

THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT OF CITIES AND REGIONS TOOK PLACE IN KYIV

The event was attended by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, municipalities from over 50 countries, representatives of the European Union and Council of Europe institutions, as well as heads of Ukrainian communities, local government and executive authorities, and members of the Ukrainian Parliament.

The summit resulted in the signing of 11 documents on cooperation. In particular, Ukraine and the European Union signed an agreement on Ukraine's participation in the Civil Protection Mechanism. This is the world's largest system for providing international coordinated operational assistance in emergencies.

https://lb.ua/news/2023/04/20/552619_kievi_prohodyt_mizhnarodniy_samit.html

21 april 2023

UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (EBRD)

Oleksandr Kubrakov, Vice Prime Minister for Reconstruction of Ukraine and Minister of Community Development, Territories and Infrastructure, met with a delegation from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) headed by the Bank's President, Audrey Renaud-Basso.

The main topics of the meeting were the implementation of joint reconstruction projects and opportunities for expanding cooperation on the development of the Danube port cluster, the European transport network, and meeting the basic needs of Ukrzaliznytsia in the context of the war. In addition, they discussed ways to improve the operation of Ukrposhta's logistics network in the de-occupied territories, as well as the terms of financing programs to prepare air navigation infrastructure for the post-war resumption of flights.

<https://mtu.gov.ua/news/34220.html>